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To the Editor:

On Saturday, May 20, 1881, the hired troop-ship Holland, of the British Government, sailed with one of Her Majesty's

regiments from Guernsey, one of the English Channel Islands. When about

four hours out and almost in mid-English Channel, a strong wind and tide running

against us and the vessel steaming twelve or fourteen knots an hour, the alarm was

raised forward: "Man overboard!"

During the stowing away of baggage, etc., one of the men was jostled and

fell overboard. The man was seen to

run along the side of the vessel, and

I saw the body rise in the wake of the vessel.

Without hesitation, or divesting myself of sword or clothing, I jumped over and

with great difficulty reached the man, who could not swim, before he sank. He

was making his best struggle for life.

I grasped him by the left arm and strug-

gled to hold him floating for upwards of twenty minutes, until the boat from the

ship caught us up. It seemed almost an

age and my strength had all but gone

when we were hailed in and taken back

to the vessel. We had been nearly thirty

minutes in the water. The boat we were

greeted heartily by all hands. The case

was on its merits reported to the Royal

Humane Society and the governors

awarded their silver medal in appreciation of the action.

NUNQUAM NON PARATUS.

A Greenhorn on Board.

To the Editor:

Last December I took passage from

Boston to Florida on the steamer City of

Macon. On board was a greenhorn from

one of the way-back districts of Maine.

He had never seen a steamboat before,

although he was seventeen years of age.

This he told everybody he met, and the

sailors prepared to have sport with him.

He went to meet his father at Savannah,

Ga., and go on to Sandford, Fla., with

him.

He ate all the way down and never got

tired, and the sailors delighted in get-

ting him to work pinning farm yards

while he was crowding pies and cake into

his mouth with both hands. Everybody

who found him out gave him something

to eat for fun.

The sailors asked him how many cows

he could milk, and when they got him

interested in telling them, would give

him a whole pig and a whole hog.

The last day out they filled his pockets

with food, after jamming him full, tell-

ing him there was nothing to eat in

Florida.

Afterwards they told him the captain

was going to arrest him for taking food

from the boat, and when he came try-

ing to eat it up. He had been given

on board the steamer that when he met

his father at Savannah he was doubtful,

and was inclined to think him somebody

else.

His favorite expressions were: "Begosh

all hime," "Legosh all gime," "I never

nut a greener one."

J. W. WILSON.

Hypnotism on the High Seas.

To the Editor:

I was standing off when a hand

touched me on the shoulder, and turning

I saw a dark, sinister-faced man

staring at me. His eyes looked into mine

with strange intensity that seemed to over-

throw my will-power.

"Are you ready?" he asked.

"Yes."

"Good! Settle the captain first."

I obeyed. A thick phlegm rose in my

throat. Captain Dawson came on deck. Impelled

by some satanic influence, I rushed upon

him, calling out something about making

him a lily and flying the black flag.

I struck him down.

A few minutes later I was in chains.

My crime was mutiny, and death was my

penalty. Explanations were without avail.

Five minutes were given me for prayer.

Oh God! how quick they flew!

I saw the men in the yardarm, and the noose

slipped around my neck—

I was drawn tight.

Oh my throat! I could not breathe.

I gasped. A thick phlegm rose in my

throat. I tried to swallow. Oh my throat!

When consciousness returned, I was in

my own hammock and the dark, sinister-

faced man was beside me. An explanation

followed. He was a master of hyp-

notism, and had experimented with me.

But he had not intended to carry the test so

far. At the last moment he had hypnotized

Capt. Dawson, who had had me

cut down just in time to save my life.

ED A. FOLLEN.

Followed Her Lover to Sea.

To the Editor:

All hands on board the Twin Sisters

agreed that Fred Reardon was too deli-

cate and dainty for a sea life, and to

rougher fellows of the crew used to tease

and guy him until he would burst into

tears, which, of course, only made them

treat him all the worse.

He had one good friend in the crew,

though, with whom he spent every free

moment. Neville, a young married man,

and as handsome a fellow as ever I laid

my two eyes on.

While we were cruising among the Car-

oline Islands we were attacked by a fleet

of pirate ships. We drove off the

cannoes, but Neville, the second officer,

was killed by a spear thrust during the

fight.

From that moment Fred Reardon re-

fused to work, and for that one day he

was in the way of the crew. In the

evening I saw him on the fore-castle

deck, looking at the sea with a look of

despair. When the day broke he was

found dead. The crew was told that he

had been killed by the pirates. The

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